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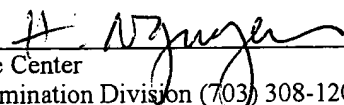
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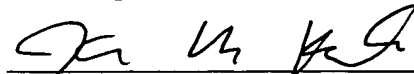
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated August 9, 2004, and the Notice of Incomplete Reply, dated September 15, 2004 Applicants herewith submits SEVEN (7) sheets of formal drawings, corrected in accordance with PTO-948, to replace the figures previously filed in the application. No new matter is presented.

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